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9 March 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Acting Chief, DPD

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Organization of Air Support Branch

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Acting Chief, DPD. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. In accordance with your instructions of 6 March, attached are two charts which are proposals for the Air Support Branch. Attachment 1 is the proposed interim organizational chart which is intended to take advantage of the talent we have on hand at present with the functional breakdown which will form the base for the organization further downstream when we are up to strength. Attachment 2 is the proposed permanent organizational chart which depicts the structure when manned to total authorization.

3. Although the proposed permanent chart indicates assignment by function of specific people, performance by the individual so selected, as well as the shifting emphasis in various parts of the world, may dictate a change in individual personnel assignment. As you may note, I have assigned [ ] to be [ ]

[ ] I look on this, at the moment, as being somewhat arbitrary and his assignment may be effected further, depending on the needs at the time he actually arrives. Ideally, the position of the [ ] should be a civilian air operations officer and possibly [ ] will assume this position at a later date. If this occurs, I will give thought to possibly considering [ ] for assignment as a detachment commander in the summer of 1962. This would have given him time for Agency training and Headquarters experience directed towards the area to which he may be assigned.

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4. I have purposely left the aircraft performance officer out from under the Support Section as I look upon him as handling items of a special and one-time nature rather than those of a continuing nature as are represented by the functions in the Support Section. In fact, I do not intend to encumber the individual's talents within the Support Section by going through the Chief of that Section in all cases as these functions, in some cases, at least represent specific skills of a general support nature.

5. I welcomed your suggestion of having an Administrative Officer and feel that a highly qualified individual at the GS-12/13 level will be quite valuable for handling routine day to day administration.

6. Your approval is recommended. Upon approval, I will then present a detailed long range personnel assignment proposal.

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Chief, Air Support Branch, DPD-DD/P

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved:

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Colonel USAF  
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P 10 MAY 1961

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